

Northern states that throughput service will be provided to WGC pursuant to currently effective throughput service agreement(s). It is asserted that the proposed incremental volumes to be delivered for WGC are 45 MMBtu on a peak day and 4,599 MMBtu on an annual basis at the Albany #1 delivery point and 390 MMBtu on a peak day and 39,858 MMBtu on an annual basis at the Evansville #1 delivery point.

Northern states that deliveries to the upgraded delivery points will be the result of a realignment of currently contracted volumes. Northern estimates a cost of \$75,000 to upgrade the Albany #1 delivery point and \$142,000 to upgrade the Evansville #1 delivery point. Northern states that the facilities described herein will be financed in accordance with the General Terms and Conditions of Northern's FERC Gas Tariff, Fifth Revised Volume No. 1.

Any person or the Commission's staff may, within 45 days after issuance of the instant notice by the Commission, file pursuant to Rule 214 of the Commission's Procedural Rules (18 CFR 385.214) a motion to intervene or notice of intervention and pursuant to Section 157.205 of the Regulations under the Natural Gas Act (18 CFR 157.205) a protest to the request. If no protest is filed within the time allowed therefor, the proposed activity shall be deemed to be authorized effective the day after the time allowed for filing a protest. If a protest is filed and not withdrawn within 30 days after the time allowed for filing a protest, the instant request shall be treated as an application for authorization pursuant to Section 7 of the Natural Gas Act.

**David P. Boergers,**

*Acting Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. SA98-69-000]

#### Pickrell Drilling Company, Inc.; Notice of Petition for Adjustment

March 25, 1998.

Take notice that on March 10, 1998, Pickrell Drilling Company, Inc. (Pickrell) filed in Docket No. SA98-69-000 a petition for adjustment pursuant to Section 502(c) of the Natural Gas Policy Act 15 U.S.C. 3412(c) and Rules 1101-1117 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and procedure (18 CFR 385.1101-385.1117) requesting that it be

released of any refund liability of the Kansas *ad valorem* tax pertaining to the Statement of Refunds Due, all are more fully set forth in the petition which is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

Pickrell states that it was simply the operator of the wells for which two tax payments were made and that Pickrell owned no working interest in the leases or wells. Pickrell states that the working interest owners that received tax reimbursements have refunded their proportionate shares of the amount set out in the Statement of Refunds Due, and are requesting that they be relieved of any refund liability for the interest. Pickrell also states that some of the working interest owners are deceased and their estates have been closed, one is elderly and in poor financial condition, and two owners are not locatable. Pickrell believes that it is a hardship on the other owners and inequitable to require them to refund the interest where there is no chance of recouping anything further from production, and that any amounts attributable to these interest owners should be waived.

Any person desiring to be heard or to make any protest with reference to said petition should, on or before 15 days after the date of publication in the **Federal Register** of this notice, file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426, a motion to intervene or a protest in accordance with the requirements of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.214, 385.211, 385.1105, and 385.1106). All protests filed with the Commission will be considered by it in determining the appropriate action to be taken but will not serve to make the protestants parties to the proceeding. Any person wishing to become a party to a proceeding or to participate as a party in any hearing therein must file a motion to intervene in accordance with the Commission's Rules.

**Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,**

*Acting Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. SA98-66-000]

#### R.J. Patrick Operating Company; Notice of Petition for Adjustment

March 25, 1998.

Take notice that on March 10, 1998, R.J. Patrick Operating Company (Patrick), P.O. Box 1157, 326 North Lincoln, Liberal, Kansas 67905-1157, filed in Docket No. SA98-66-000 a petition for adjustment pursuant to Section 502(c) of the Natural Gas Policy Act (NGPA) 15 U.S.C. 3412(c) and Rules 1101-1117 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.1101-385.1117) requesting to be relieved of all refund requests or obligations to Panhandle Eastern Pipe Line Company (Panhandle), all as more fully set forth in the petition which is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

It is said that the wells were sold to the Federal Government with a reservation of mineral rights for a term of 50 years expiring on November 1, 1987. It is said further that because of the reversion, neither Patrick nor any of the other investors would ever be able to recover or recoup any refund of the *ad valorem* taxes.

Patrick states that to pay the refunds would constitute a considerable burden and as such requests to be relieved of all refund obligations based on the special hardship privileges.

Any person desiring to be heard or to make any protest with reference to said petition should on or before 15 days after the date of publication in the **Federal Register** of this notice, file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426, a motion to intervene or a protest in accordance with the requirements of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.214, 385.211, 385.1105, and 385.1106). All protests filed with the Commission will be considered by it in determining the appropriate action to be taken but will not serve to make the protestants parties to the proceeding. Any person wishing to become a party to a proceeding or to participate as a party in any hearing therein must file a motion to intervene in accordance with the Commission's Rules.

**Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,**

*Acting Secretary.*

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